

Claim 14, line 1, delete "one of claims 7 to 12" and insert therefor --claim 7--.

Claim 15, line 1, delete "one of the preceding claims" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

REMARKS

Amendments have been made to the claims to remove the multiple dependencies in order to conform with U.S. practice. An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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